MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: If the member would go through the Regulation he would know who should take the initiative in the matter.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: My question is whether the Director of Agriculture is expected to take the initiative in the matter?

MR K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: No. The Director of Agriculture is not expected to take any initiative in the matter.

MR K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: So, may I take it that he has not taken any initiative in the matter?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: No ,not yet.

MR. KOCHIKAL P. BALAKRISHNAN TAMPI (*Mavelikara and Kartikapalli* cum *Kunnattur*): Is it not better that the municipalities take up action in the matter?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Certainly.

*Milch buffaloes in Trivandrum.*

48. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many milch buffaloes there are within the town of Trivandrum; and

(*b*) how they are housed.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: The information is not available.

*Electric installation in the Quilon town.*

49. MR M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they propose to introduce electric installation in the town of Quilon, and, if so, under what arrangement;

(*b*) whether the Quilon Municipality has asked for permission to carry out the work; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any objection to allow the municipality to undertake this work, and, if so, on what grounds?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electric Engineer to Government*): (*a*) Yes. Government propose to finance and work out the Quilon Electric Supply Scheme.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes. Government have under consideration the question of linking up Quilon with the Pallivasal Hydro Electric system so as to ensure a cheap supply of current at Quilon, and this inter-linking can be effected easily if the Quilon Electric Supply is under Government management and control.

*Street lighting with electricity in Trivandrum.*

50. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Electrical Department follows any principle in the matter of street lighting with electricity in the town of Trivandrum, and, if so, what it is;

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(*b*) how many miles of road on the eastern side of the Main road have been lit up with electric lights and how many on the western side; and

(*c*) the total number of electric lights in each of these divisions?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: (*a*) Yes. The principle followed in the matter of introducing electric lights in the streets is the importance of the road with regard to traffic and with regard to the consumers of electric energy.

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| (*b*) | East | ... | 21 miles. |
| | West | ... | 6¾ miles. |
| | Main Road | ... | 4 miles (Pattom to Manakad.) |
| (*c*) | East | ... | 771 lights. |
| | West | ... | 318 lights. |
| | Main Road | ... | 148 lights (Pattom to Manakad). |

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Are there not several important roads in the town which are not lit up with electricity?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: There may be.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the member be pleased to state whether he has not put up electric lights in bye-roads which are not important thorough fares?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: Will the member explain what is meant by a bye-road?

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: That is a road where there is no traffic so to say.

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: So far as I am aware no electric lights have been put up in such roads.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Is it a fact that in some of the bye-roads in Chalai that are leading to private houses the member has put up electric lights, where as there are several important roads in the centre of the town which are not lit up with electricity?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: There are no private roads in Chalai.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Not private roads; but small unimportant roads.

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: They are important roads in view of the answer given to part (*a*) of the question.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Does the importance of a road depend on the importance of the persons who live on that road side?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: Certainly not. It depends upon the importance of the traffic and the income derived from the sale of electric energy to private cousumers.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Does the member think that the roads from Pattom and Petta are more important than some of the roads on the eastern side of the Main road?

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MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : Will the member give an instance ?

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : For example, take the Pujapurai road. Is it so very important as the road to Petta ?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : That is a matter of opinion.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI Has the attention of the Electrical Engineer been drawn to the necessity for putting up lights in some of the important roads in Petta and Pattom?

Mr. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : This question is now under discussion with the municipality.

*Contribution for maintenance of half-night electric lights.*

51. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Electrical Department has claimed from the Trivandrum Municipality Rs. 25 annually for the maintenance of every half-night additional electric light to be put up in the town ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the Municipality of Trichinopoly is supplying electric lights of 40 watts for Re. 1-10-0 monthly for every full-night light ?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. But the charge of Rs. 1-10-0 per month does not include the cost of maintenance of the lamps *i. e.*, renewals of bulbs, etc.

*Difficulties of traders due to the limited currency of the Sirkar Coins.*

52. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the inconvenience experienced by the trading community on account of the fact that Travancore coins are not accepted for more than two rupees in the Banks in the State, and, if so, whether they would make arrangements for removing this difficulty ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : No complaint has been received by Government from the trading community regarding the refusal of the Banks in the State to accept Travancore coins.

In view of the answer to the first part of the question, the second part does not arise.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI : May I know from the member whether there was not a representation from the member representing the trading classes of Trivandrum in the last session of the Assembly, regarding this ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI : Yes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI : May I know from the member what action the Government have taken on that representation ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI : There is no complaint at present. The Treasuries are freely exchanging copper and silver coins.

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